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Mental Health Resource Database

On August 1, 2017 the Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to work in consultation with the Acting Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and other pertinent County departments to conduct a feasibility analysis on the implementation of a database to track mental health resources (such as Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) beds, crisis residential treatment, board and care facilities, etc.) countywide and report back to the Board in 90 days.

According to the DMH report, there is currently no central data base and application to track and provide the information needed to link a client to available mental health treatment options. The implementation of this system to act as a 24 hour resource manager and locator would ensure coordinated access, optimize client flow, and reduce the risk of delays and errors in client triage, placement, and treatment. DMH estimates that the roll out of a system would be complete in eight to ten months, and projects the cost to be \$300,000 - \$600,000.

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The utilization of modern technology will drastically improve and expand the County's ability to provide residents with access to a quality continuum of care. This application will empower our DMH clinicians to engage individuals in the field and have the ability to link them with treatment based off their individualized needs in real time. As a County, we must seize opportunities to modernize and streamline the methods we use to serve our communities.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Mental Health to prepare a plan to improve the process which the Department uses to locate and then refer clients to appropriate care facilities, statement of work for soliciting the development of a resource database, and an implementation plan for the database to present to the Board and report back in 90 days.

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